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Referring to the Office action mailed December 23, 2004, Applicant has carefully studied the Examiner's objections, and has cancelled claim 1, and amended claims 2, 4, and 6-9 accordingly.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowability of claims 12-23. To expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and reserves the right to pursue allowance of this claim in this or a continuation application.

Claims 2-11 stand objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 2, 4, and 6-9 have been amended to independent form including all the limitations of cancelled claim 1. Claims 3, 5, and 10-11 are dependent on amended claims 2, 4, and 6-9 and thus the objection with respect to claims 3, 5, and 10-11 is moot.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the claims, allow the claims, and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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